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White House. A new letter, dated 26 February
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 24, 1975

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The President has asked me to respond to your letter of the twentieth, and to tell you how much he appreciates the opportunity to comment on H. R. 207.

The President strongly believes that the Foreign Affairs Committee and the House of Representatives should not approve this Resolution. The Committee and the House will doubtless want to consider whether such a resolution is an appropriate instrument for exploring any United States activities that might have affected Chile or any other country, for considering the extent to which names of particular persons or companies ought to be disclosed, or for considering the degree to which advice exchanged within the Executive Branch should wisely be spread on the record.

The Committee and the House might also want to consider whether the House Select Committee on Intelligence is the more appropriate place to consider those matters covered by H. R. 207 which ought to be explored.

The President hopes that the Committee and the House will agree that H. R. 207 ought not to be approved.

Sincerely,

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